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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Tajikistan (S/1999/1127)

Eritrea/Ethiopia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	52nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child [165]

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

General debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution(s) submitted under agenda item 66 (Question of Antartica)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

Effects of atomic radiation [86] (A/54/46, A/C.4/54/L.20)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 4

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development (A/54/15, Parts I-V, A/54/486, A/54/304, A/54/529, A/54/94-S/1999/518, A/54/392)

Introductory statements by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the President-elect of the Trade and Development Board

Briefing by the Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand on UNCTAD X

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Roble Olhaye, Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.8 *(item 100 (e))* and A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97(a))*

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 4

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/54/271 and Add.1, A/54/269, A/C.2/54/3)

Introductions and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 *(item 99 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.11 *(item 99 (e))*, A/C.2/54/L.13 *(item 99 (b))* and resolution 17/1 of the Commission of Human Settlements

* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/54/527-S/1999/1125, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.46 and L.49

2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491)

4. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/54/527-S/1999/1125, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

5. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

   Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Part VIII: Common support services

Conclusion of general discussion

Part IX: Internal oversight

Internal oversight (Part IX, section 28)

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Jointly financed administrative activities (Part X, section 29)

Special expenses (Part X, section 30)

Part XI: Capital expenditures

Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance (Part XI, section 31)

Part XII: Staff assessment

Staff assessment (Part XII, section 32)

Part XIII: Development Account

Development Account (Part XIII, section 33)

Estimates of income

Income Section:

1. Income from staff assessment

2. General income

3. Services to the public (A/C.5/54/14)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session *(item 155)*

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [161] (A/C.6/54/L.3)

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.4

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.5

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property *(item 152)*

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 (Eradication of poverty) and A/C.2/54/L.11 (International migration and development) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 11 November 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.15 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(all draft resolutions on environment)

9.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP:

WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution on item 101 (a): World Summit for Children)

3.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 97 (c) (Trade and Development))

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting)

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a closed meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) *today*, 11 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B. There will be a briefing by the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

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Special meeting

There will be a special meeting on "The Development of a Mental Health Policy at the World Bank", organized by the NGO Committee on Mental Health and the World Bank, *today*, 11 November 1999, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Dr. Harvey Whiteford, Mental Health Specialist, World Bank Group, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

The UNICEF NGO Sub-Working Group on Children in Armed Conflicts will hold a panel discussion on the plight of Sierra Leonan children *today*, 11 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a closed meeting of troop contributors to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor/United Nations Mission in East Timor *today*, 11 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 12 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	31st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In the context of the discussions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the reduction of poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Global Campaign on Secure Tenure". H.E. Mr. Ole Peter Kolby, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, will moderate the event. Mr. William Cobbett, Acting Head of the Shelter Branch of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, and Ms. Ethel Velez, President of James Johnson Public Housing, will be among the panellists. The event, which is being organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 248th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Council will consider the draft decision contained in the Report of the Commission on Human Rights at its fourth special session entitled "Situation of human rights in East Timor;" as well as the election for the Board of the World Food Program and the draft decision on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session (E/1999/L.60).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) *(on the Committee on Information)* on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(briefing by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme)* on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Panel discussions

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

Mr. Vladimir Fenopetov, Head of the Programme for Central and Eastern Europe, and West and Central Asia of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, will hold an informal briefing on the theme "Drug Threat from Afghanistan via Central Asia" on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Mr. Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council on the University for Peace, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments relating to the revitalization of the University for Peace, especially in the light of General Assembly discussions under agenda item 21 (University for Peace) (document A/54/312), and on the forthcoming Council session, te be held in San José (Costa Rica) from 21 to 23 November 1999. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4063rd meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Rwanda, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia and of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Prosecutor.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, France, Canada, the United Kingdom, China, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, the United States, the Netherlands, Brazil, the Gambia, Bahrain, Gabon and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Slovenia.

The Prosecutor responded to comments and questions by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

51st plenary meeting

Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/54/L.20) [36]

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.11.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 36.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania and Slovenia), Malaysia, Egypt, South Africa, Norway, Italy, San Marino, Cuba, Afghanistan, Cyprus, Indonesia, the Philippines, Namibia, Peru and Armenia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.20 (resolution 54/22).

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Israel.

The representative of Slovakia made a statement on a point of order.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer of Palestine.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 36.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for

Internal Oversight Services: letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/531) [17 (i)]

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/531).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 17.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/54/L.16) [37]

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.16.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.16 (resolution 54/23).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: draft resolution (A/54/L.6/Rev.1) [106]

The representative of the Dominican Republic made a statement in the course of which she orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.6/Rev.1.

A statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised (resolution 54/24).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 106.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 20th meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [86]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation contained in document A/54/46.

The representative of Sweden introduced the related report (A/54/46) and the draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.20.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

The general debate began with a statement by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Norway), China, Indonesia (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)), Japan and Kazakhstan.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Chairman, to conclude the general debate and take action on the draft resolution at its next meeting.

THIRD COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, Malaysia, Australia, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda and Greece, as well as the observer for the Holy See.

41st meeting

Promotion and Protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49

The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, India, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Micronesia (Federated States of), New

Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, the Sudan, Thailand, Turkey and Uzbekistan, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.54

The Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Mónica Martínez (Ecuador) orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.55

The Committee had before it the draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.55 which had been recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 110.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.26

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the statement of the Controller, contained in document A/C.3/54/6, and was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions that had been made to the text when introduced.

The representative of Guyana announced that Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Malta and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the Secretariat was awaiting possible programme budget implications from Geneva and that action would be deferred to a later stage.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50

The Secretary read out the statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark announced that Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, El Salvador, Eritrea, Georgia, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, San Marino and South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Ghana, Guatemala, Liberia, Madagascar and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Jordan, Argentina, Togo, Madagascar, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and the Congo.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, China, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey.

Organization of work

It was announced that on Thursday, 11 November, in the afternoon, the Committee would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.46 and L.49, under agenda item 112, and on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53, under agenda item 116 (a).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Section 21. Regular programme of technical cooperation

The Committee continued its consideration of this section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised at the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 9 November 1999.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 21 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part VII: Public information

Section 26. Public Information

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced section 26 of Part VII (A/54/7).

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 22. Human rights

The Committee continued its consideration of this section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Uganda and India.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination made a statement.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 22 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 23. Protection of and assistance to refugees

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Algeria, Japan, the United States, Uganda, Cuba and Namibia.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 23 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 24. Palestine refugees

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Japan, Cuba, the United States, Egypt, Israel and Uganda.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Cuba and Japan.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 24 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 25. Humanitarian assistance

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Canada, Japan, Cuba, the United States and Algeria.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 25 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part VII: Public information

Section 26. Public information

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Egypt, China, Uganda, Japan, the United States, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cuba, Israel, Canada, Kenya and Kuwait.

34th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part VIII: Common support services

Section 27A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Section 27B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Section 27C. Office of Human Resources Management

Section 27D. Office of Central Support Services

Section 27E. Administration, Geneva

Section 27F. Administration, Vienna

Section 27G. Administration, Nairobi

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced sections 27A to 27G of Part VIII (A/54/7).

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta) and Norway.

Section 27A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Japan and Canada.

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) stated that the statement of the Group of 77 and China would be made at the Committee's next meeting.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Section 27B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

The Controller made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta).

The Controller replied to questions raised.

Section 27C. Office of Human Resources Management

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the United States and Japan.

The representative of the Philippines also made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Section 27D. Office of Central Support Services

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the United States, Cuba, Japan and Canada.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Section 27E. Administration, Geneva

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States.

Section 27F. Administration, Vienna

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Section 27G. Administration, Nairobi

No statements were made under this section.

Part VII: Public information

Section 26. Public information

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this section and heard statements by the representatives of India, Australia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Uganda.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 26 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 1999

395th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the second and third periodic reports of Austria (CAT/C/17/Add.21). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

396th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Malta (CAT/C/29/Add.6). The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 393rd meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Approval: Czech Republic (5 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 11 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special events

On the occcasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a special event will be held *today*, 11 November 1999, in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the adjournment of the General Assembly commemoration starting at 10 a.m. The event will be chaired by the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab. Participants will be the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Ms. Carol Bellamy, the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara Otunnu, the Acting Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Marilia Sardenberg, and the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A musical event of Uzbek songs, music and dances, entitled "Pearls of the East", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations in connection with the Days of Culture of Uzbekistan in the United States, will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 12 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia*

Other matters

Morning**	4064th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan (S/1999/1127)

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

An open briefing by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Morning*	4065th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1999/1087)

Morning**	4066th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4064th meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4065th meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1417th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye, Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.8 *(item 100 (e))* and A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97 (a))*

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/54/L.31

2. Sectoral policy questions [98]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.27

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and A/C.2/54/L.29

4. Training and research [102]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.30

5. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.32

6. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (c) Trade and development (A/54/15 and Parts I-V, A/54/304, A/54/392, A/54/486, A/54/529, A/54/94-S/1999/518)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 4

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development (A/54/15 and Parts I-V, A/54/304, A/54/392, A/54/486, A/54/529, A/54/94-S/1999/518)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/ 286, A/54/414)

Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Refugees and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61

2. Advancement of women [109] (A/54/500)

   Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/54/206 A/C.5/54/22 and A/54/7/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 2

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [153] (A/54/515)

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152] (A/54/10, A/54/266)

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3/Rev.1

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (item 161) (A/C.6/54/L.13)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	31st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [item 160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
2. Draft report

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	248th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 12 November 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In the context of the discussions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the reduction of poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Global Campaign on Secure Tenure". H.E. Mr. Ole Peter Kolby, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, will moderate the event. Mr. William Cobbett, Acting Head of the Shelter Branch of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, and Ms. Ethel Velez, President of James Johnson Public Housing, will be among the panellists. The event, which is being organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place *today*, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.3 (Eradication of poverty) and A/C.2/54/L.11 (International migration and development) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 12 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)
(on the Committee on Information)

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 97 (c): specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of the land-lock developing countries; item 98 (b) (Trade and development); and item 99 (f) (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's))

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 109: United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW))

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room C-209B

GROUP OF 77
(draft resolution on item 101 (a): World Summit for Children)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(briefing by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all draft resolution related to environment and development)

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 (debt), L.3 (poverty), L.4 (science and technology), L.5 (economic and technical cooperation among developing countries), L.8 (desertification) and L.14 (implementation of Agenda 21))

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 15 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 53rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie [25]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/397)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.25)
2. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: draft resolution (A/54/L.21/Rev.1) [14]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin consideration of the remaining item on its agenda, namely, item 91 (Questions relating to information) on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 91 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The agenda of the meeting will be the following:

1. Briefing by Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC)

2. Consideration of the draft decision of the Commission on Human Rights at its fourth special session entitled "Situation of human rights in East Timor" (E/1999/23/Add.1)

3. Election of one member for the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

4. Consideration of the draft decision entitled "Participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the World summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session" (E/1999/L.60)

5. Other matters.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742· fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Panel discussions

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

Mr. Vladimir Fenopetov, Head of the Programme for Central and Eastern Europe, and West and Central Asia of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, will hold an informal briefing on the theme "Drug Threat from Afghanistan via Central Asia" on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Mr. Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council on the University for Peace, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments relating to the revitalization of the University for Peace, especially in light of General Assembly discussions under agenda item 21 (University for Peace) (document A/54/312), and on the forthcoming Council session, to be held in San José (Costa Rica) from 21 to 23 November 1999. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invites all interested members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations to a briefing with Ms. Catherine von Heidenstam, Chairperson of the Working Group on a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on "The Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict", which will take place on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

52nd plenary meeting

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child [165]

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the African States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Asian States), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Saint Kitts and Nevis (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Liechtenstein (on behalf of the Western European and other States) and the United States (as host country).

The President declared closed the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 165.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 28th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee held general debate on agenda item 66 (Question of Antarctica), in which it heard statements made by the representatives of Malaysia and the United Kingdom.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.58 without a vote.

The Chairman declared the work of the First Committee for the fifty-fourth session closed.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [86]

The general debate on agenda item 86 was concluded with statements by the representatives of Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Egypt, Iraq, Uruguay (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), Belarus, Peru, Ukraine and Pakistan.

The delegations of Malaysia, Monaco and Mongolia became co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.20.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of his position after the decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, in the afternoon, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 91 (Questions relating to information). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Macroeconomic policy issues [97]

(c) Trade and development

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the President of the Trade and Development Board.

The Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand briefed the Committee on UNCTAD X.

The Committee then had an exchange of views during which the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, the President of the Trade and Development Board, and the Deputy Foreign Minister of Thailand, responded to questions raised by the representatives of the Philippines, Guyana, Egypt, Belarus and Costa Rica, as well as by the observers for the European Community and the Organization of African Unity.

38th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The Committee began consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta aligned themselves with the statement), Togo, the Lao People's Republic, the United States, Maldives, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Nepal, Burkina Faso, Zambia, Japan, Benin, Norway, Haiti, the Russian Federation, China, Uganda and Nigeria.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 99 (f) and 99 as a whole.

THIRD COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Republic of Tanzania, Australia, Cuba, Nigeria, Armenia, Benin, Uganda, Mexico, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of CARICOM) as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the work of the Committee.

43rd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Namibia announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Belarus, Panama, the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Uganda and Uzbekistan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Belize, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ghana, Grenada, India, Jamaica, Madagascar, the Republic of Moldova, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Spain joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. However, the Committee was advised that the statement from the Controller read out by the Secretary at the 41st meeting, regarding draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50, applied also to draft resolution A/C.3/54/ L.49.

The Secretary read out the correction that had been made to the text when introduced.

The representative of Finland announced that Eritrea, Indonesia, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Cambodia, the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Jamaica, Malawi, Mozambique, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, the United States and Uruguay.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/54/265.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

Human Rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. The Secretary read out the correction that had been made to the text when it was introduced.

The representative of Mexico announced that Nicaragua and Portugal had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Yemen joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative ap proaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Israel, Eritrea, Norway and Haiti.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey, Estonia, Rwanda, China, Eritrea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Iraq and Indonesia, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee then concluded the general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e).

Organization of work

It was announced that on Monday, 15 November, in the afternoon, the Committee would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.4, L.21, L.22 and L.23, under agenda item 107; A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1, under agenda item 114, and A/C.3/54/L.27, under agenda item 115.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part VIII: Common support services

The Committee resumed its general discussion of Part VIII and heard statements by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Uganda, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Algeria, Australia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of Part VIII of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part IX: Internal oversight

Section 28. Internal oversight

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29. Jointly financed administrative activities

Section 30. Special expenses

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced Parts IX and X of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/54/7).

Part IX: Internal oversight

Section 28. Internal oversight

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Algeria, Uganda, the United States, Cuba, Canada, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan and Australia.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 28 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29. Jointly financed administrative activities

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit made a statement.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania requested that the statement of the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit be distributed.

36th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29. Jointly financed administrative activities

The Committee continued its general discussion on this section.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States and Australia.

The representative of Japan spoke on sections 29 and 30.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 29 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 30. Special expenses

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Pakistan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 30 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part XI: Capital expenditures

Section 31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

Part XII: Staff assessment

Section 32. Staff assessment

Part XIII: Development Account

Section 33. Development Account

Estimates of income

Income section:

1. Income from staff assessment

2. General income

3. Services to the public

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced Parts XI to XIII and the Income Section of the report of the Advisory Committee (A/54/7).

Part XI: Capital expenditures

Section 31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Pakistan and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 31 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 32. Staff assessment

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and Uganda.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Part XIII: Development Account

Section 33. Development Account

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Pakistan, Mexico, Algeria, Chile, Brazil, Japan, Cuba, Canada, Ecuador, Israel and the Dominican Republic.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 33 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Estimates of income

Income section:

1. Income from staff assessment

2. General income

3. Services to the public

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Cuba, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Algeria and Australia.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of the income sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal [161]

The Chairman spoke.

The President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal addressed the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Sri Lanka, Guatemala, Italy, the Niger and Greece.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on item 161.

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.13 on agenda item 161.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156]

The representative of Austria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.4 on agenda item 156.

Armenia, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Egypt, Indonesia, Peru, Thailand, Ukraine and Venezuela joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.4 without a vote.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Strengthening of the International Court of Justice

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.5.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.5 without a vote.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1999

397th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the periodic report of Finland (CAT/C/44/Add.6). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

398th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the second periodic report of Malta and continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Austria.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 395th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

A musical event of Uzbek songs, music and dances, entitled "Pearls of the East", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations in connection with the Days of Culture of Uzbekistan in the United States, will be held *today*, 12 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non- governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 15 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. — 4069th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

   Briefing by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993)
CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3.30 p.m. — 18th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. — 53rd PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie [25]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/397)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.25)

(continued overleaf)

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:ove

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/540) [17 (a)]

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/541) [17 (b)]

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/542) [17 (c)]

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/543) [17 (d)]

   (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/544) [17 (e)]

   (f) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of Fifth Committee (A/54/545) [17 (f)]

3. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: draft resolution (A/54/L.21/Rev.1) [14]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 4

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development (A/54/15 and Parts I-V, A/54/304, A/54/392, A/54/486, A/54/529, A/54/94-S/1999/518)

Conclusion of general discussion

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/54/471, A/54/512 and A/54/512/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/ L.22 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.23 *(item 100 (f))*, A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.29 *(item 100 (b))*

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 *(item 99 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.11 *(item 99(e))*, A/C.2/54/L.13 *(item 99 (b))* and resolution 17/1 of the Commission on Human Settlements

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.62, L.64 L.65, L.66, L.67, L.68, L.69, L.70 and L.71

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.59, L.60 and L.63

* Immediately following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1 and L.88

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/286, A/54/414, A/54/469)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3

Organization of work

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property *(item 152)*

3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolutions concerning the measures to eliminate international terrorism *(item 160)*

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* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

2. Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed session

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	50th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Briefing by Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC)
2. Consideration of the draft decision of the Commission on Human Rights at its fourth special session entitled "Situation of human rights in East Timor" (E/1999/23/Add.1)
3. Election of one member for the Executive Board of the World Food Programme
4. Consideration of the draft decision entitled "Participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the World summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session" (E/1999/L.60)
5. Other matters

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 (globalization and interdependence) (item 104) on the basis of written submissions will be available on Monday, 15 November 1999, in the morning, in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 15 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 97 (c) (Trade and development); and item 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)
(on the Committee on Information)

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(informal meeting on the right to development)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 98 (b) (Business and development); item 99 (f) (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's); on item 97 (c): specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of the land lock developing countries)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 98 (b) (Business and development), item 99 (f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's), item 97 (c) (Ttrade and development); and item 97 (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2 (debt) and other pending issues)

6 p.m. 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6.15 p.m.- 7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Panel discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 9*. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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Informal briefings

Mr. Vladimir Fenopetov, Head of the Programme for Central and Eastern Europe, and West and Central Asia of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, will hold an informal briefing on the theme "Drug Threat from Afghanistan via Central Asia" on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Mr. Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council on the University for Peace, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments relating to the revitalization of the University for Peace, especially in light of General Assembly discussions under agenda item 21 (University for Peace) (document A/54/312), and on the forthcoming Council session, to be held in San José (Costa Rica) from 21 to 23 November 1999. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin consideration of the remaining item on its agenda, namely, item 91 (Questions relating to information) on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 91 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties in Brazil (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: 55-81-301-7369; fax: 55-81-301-7448. A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

The New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invites all interested members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations to a briefing with Ms. Catherine von Heidenstam, Chairperson of the Working Group on a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on "The Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict", which will take place on Tuesday, 16 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 12 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4064th meeting

The situation in Tajikistan and along the Tajik-Afghan border

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Tajikistan (S/1999/1127)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Tajikistan, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1158, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Tajikistan.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1158) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1158) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1274 (1999).

4065th meeting

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/1999/1087)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Georgia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/30).

4066th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/1999/882)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/31).

4067th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Burundi, Finland, Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council then heard a statement by the representative of Burundi.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, China, Argentina, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Bahrain, France, the Gambia, Brazil, Namibia, Gabon, Malaysia and the Netherlands, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Slovenia.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania - and the associated country, Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania.

4068th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1999/32).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE — 39th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/54/L.31

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft decision on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.27

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.29

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Mexico.

Training and research [102]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.30

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.32

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Tunisia. The United States had been erroneously listed as a sponsor.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana, the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Thailand (on behalf of ASEAN), Norway and India.

The representative of the European Community made a statement on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta.

40th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 97 (c) and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, Cuba, Ecuador, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Uganda (on behalf of the East African Cooperation), Colombia, Pakistan, Belarus, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the land-locked developing countries), Romania, Ukraine, China, Mongolia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Australia (on behalf of the Cairns group of agricultural countries), Trinidad and Tobago and Haiti.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Deadline

At the request of the Group of 77 and China, the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 98 (b) was extended to Tuesday, 16 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 44th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in which the

representatives of South Africa, Spain, the Sudan, Guinea, Finland, Guatemala, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Republic of Tanzania, Benin, Austria and Mexico took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta), Mozambique, Norway, Japan, Guatemala, Mexico, Canada, Sierra Leone and the Russian Federation.

45th meeting

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 111 and heard a statement by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.57

The representative of Chile, also on behalf of Côte d'Ivoire and the Republic of Korea, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, introduced the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item, and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the report of the Secretary-General, on the new structure and working method of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/54/500).

A statement was made by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

The Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women responded to questions raised by the representatives of Mexico and Cuba.

The Assistant-Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the work of the Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board introduced the report of the Standing Committee (A/54/206).

The report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee was before the Committee in document A/C.5/54/22.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda and the United States.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be announced at a later date.

Organization of work

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 30th meeting

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [153]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Republic of Korea, Malaysia (on behalf of ASEAN), Singapore, the Niger, Cyprus and Solomon Islands.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on item 153.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152]

The Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Gerhard Hafner, made an oral report on the work carried out by the Working Group.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3/Rev.1

The representative of Ghana introduced the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3/Rev.1 without a vote.

The representative of the Russian Federation spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

31st meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

The Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Philippe Kirsch, introduced the report of the Working Group.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of European Union), Colombia, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Yemen, Belarus and Sierra Leone.

The representatives of New Zealand and Japan made announcements.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

248th meeting

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee (Afghanistan) chaired the meeting and made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/1999/ CRP.2)

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report of the Committee.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Consideration of draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Vice-Chairman introduced draft resolutions on the programme of work of the Committee, the Division for Palestine Rights, the Department of Public Information and peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 1999

399th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Peru (CAT/C/39/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

400th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the second periodic report of Austria and continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Finland.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 397th meeting.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). Geneva, 1 July 1970

Succession: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (10 November 1999)*

Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) of 1991. Geneva, 17 January 1997

Acceptance: Netherlands (2 November 1999)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Optional Protocol will be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention at United Nations Headquarters in New York from Friday, 10 December 1999, in accordance with its article 15 (1).

Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments to this effect (room 3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Protocol submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefings by the Secretariat

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information [91] (A/54/21 and Add.1, A/54/415)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.29 *(item 100 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.23 *(item 100 (f))*

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.21 *(item 99 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.27 *(item 98 (a))* and A/C.2/54/L.32* *(item 103)*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/286, A/54/414, A/54/469)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

   *Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1 and L.88**

2. Advancement of women [109]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89

3. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.67, L.70, L.72, L.73, L.74, L.75, L.77, L.78 and L.79

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.60, L.63, L.76, L.80 and L.81

4. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

5. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/54/L.90

6. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/286, A/54/414, A/54/469)

   Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1 Vol. I-III, A/54/7 and Add.1, A/54/16, A/54/127, A/54/206, A/54/434, A/54/443, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/16, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/22, A/C.5/54/23, A/C.5/54/25, A/C.5/54/26, A/C.5/54/27, A/53/7/Add.15, A/53/641, A/53/643, A/53/794, A/53/833, A/53/955, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Action on the draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.11

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the measures to eliminate international terrorism (*item 160)*

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.16 concerning the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism submitted under agenda item 160 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Section 26 (Public information)
3. Death and disability benefits

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 16 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 (globalization and interdependence) (item 104) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Resumed substantive session

The Committee on Conferences will hold its 425th meeting (at a date and time to be announced later) to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001, in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11)*.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).

* To be issued.

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Tuesday, 16 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 99 (f) (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's); item 98 (b) (Business and development); and item 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(open-ended informal consultations on the right to development)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room C-209B

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 98 (b) (Business and development); item 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources); and item 97 (c) (Trade and development): unilateral economic measures as a means of economic coercion against developing countries)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: all pending issues)

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal briefing

The New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invites all interested members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations to a briefing with Ms. Catherine von Heidenstam, Chairperson of the Working Group on a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on "The Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict", which will take place *today*, 16 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	54th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	55th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]: marking of the end of the United Nations Decade of International Law :

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/362 and Add.1)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/381)

(c) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/609)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 55th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on Wednesday, 17 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Quadripartite Coordination Committee on International Cooperation on Chernobyl *(at the ministerial level)* on Thursday, 18 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Special meeting

In connection with the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, there will be a special meeting, organized by the NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Wednesday, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Percival M. Mofokeng, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, and Ms. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Panel discussions

There will be a multisectoral panel discussion on "Malaria and the Proposed Global Treaty Banning DDT", co-sponsored by the NGO Health Committee, the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the Global Alliance for Women's Health, on Wednesday, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Dr. David Nabarro, Program Manager, Rollback Malaria Initiative of the WHO, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 15 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4069th meeting

Tribute to the memory of the victims of the United Nations plane crash in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council.

The Council observed a minute of silence.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Briefing by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by His Excellency Mr. Ante Jelavic, Chair of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and His Excellency Mr. Zivko Radisic, Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, the Russian Federation, Canada, Malaysia, Argentina, the United Kingdom, China, Brazil, Bahrain, the Netherlands, the Gambia, Namibia and Gabon, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia.

The members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina responded to comments and questions by the members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

53rd plenary meeting

Earthquake in Turkey and crash of a United Nations airplane in Kosovo

The Vice-President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of Turkey for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which has resulted from the recent earthquake, and to the families of the victims of the recent crash of a United Nations airplane in Kosovo.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie [25]:

(a) Report of the Secretary General (A/54/397)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.25)

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.25.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway, Romania, Mauritius, Senegal, Cambodia, Togo, Haiti, Burundi, Benin, Egypt and Cameroon.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978 and decision 53/453 of 18 December 1998, the observer for the International Organization of la Francophonie made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.25 (resolution 54/25)

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 25.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/540)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/540), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Mr. Gérard Biraud (France), Ms. Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba), Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation), Ms. Susan Shearouse (United States) and Mr. Roger Tchoungui (Cameroon).

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/541)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/541), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar Netto (Brazil), Mr. Ju Kuilin (China), Mr. Sergei Mareyev (Russian Federation), Mr. Angel Marrón (Spain), Mr. Hae-Yun Park (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy).

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/542)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/542), appointed the Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2000.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/543)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/543), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Ms. Francine Bovich (United States), Mr. Takeshi Ohta (Japan) and Mr. Peter Stormonth Darling (United Kingdom).

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/544)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/544), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Julio Barboza (Argentina) and Mayer Gabay (Israel).

(f) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/545)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/545), appointed Mr. Amjad Hussain Sial (Pakistan) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 15 November 1999 and ending 31 December 2000.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: draft resolution (A/54/L.21/Rev.1) [14]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 14.

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he submitted an amendment to draft resolution A/54/L.21/Rev.1.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Iraq, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India and the Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly adopted the oral amendment submitted by the representative of France.

By 112 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the third preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/54/L.21/Rev.1, as orally amended.

By 122 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.21/Rev.1 as a whole, as orally amended (resolution 54/26).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Israel, Lebanon and China.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement on a point of order.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 14.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that agenda item 21 (University of Peace), originally scheduled for Tuesday, 16 November, would be considered on Thursday, 18 November, in the morning, as the second item. The Assembly was also informed that agenda item 41 (Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic) would be considered on Wednesday, 24 November, in the morning, as the third item.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

The Committee continued consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Saint Lucia, Egypt, the Philippines and Azerbaijan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 97 (c).

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Mr. Jan Kriegel, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, aligned them-selves with this statement), New Zealand, Mali, Mexico, Norway, the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97 (b).

THIRD COMMITTEE 46th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee decided to defer action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.27 and A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions:

A/C.3/54/L.62

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Oman, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.64

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Denmark and Malta, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.65

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Romania, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.66

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Azerbaijan and Romania, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.68

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Malta, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.69

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Estonia and Greece, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.71

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

A/C.3/54/L.59

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, China, Ukraine, the Sudan, Colombia, Yemen, Argentina and Croatia.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Organization for Migration.

The representative of the World Bank also made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Nester Odaga-Jalomayo (Uganda).

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Egypt, Iraq, Maldives, Romania, Oman, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Qatar, Cuba, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the States of the GUUAM Group (Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and the Republic of Moldova)), Turkey and Peru.

The Chairman spoke.

33rd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 160 and heard statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, Iraq (on a point of order), China, Madagascar, Malawi, Hungary, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Lebanon, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Guatemala, Israel and Bahrain.

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.9

The Chairperson of the Working Group on the Decade of International Law introduced the draft resolution and made an oral revision.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.9, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.10

The Chairperson of the Working Group on the Decade of International Law introduced the draft resolution and made an oral revision.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Solomon Islands.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.10, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 154.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed session

50th meeting

The Council observed one minute of silence in tribute to those who had died in the air accident of the World Food Programme plane.

The Council adopted the agenda for the meeting, as indicated in the *Journal*.

Briefing on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [1]

The Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs briefed the Council on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC).

The Assistant-Secretary-General responded to questions raised by the representative of Bangladesh.

Report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights [2]

The Council resumed consideration of the item and had before it a draft decision entitled "Situation of human rights in East Timor" (E/1999/23/Add.1).

A statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure was before the Council (E/1999/L.59).

H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mongoaela (Lesotho), Vice-President, reported on the results of the informal consultations conducted by him.

A statement was made by the representative of Indonesia in the course of which a roll-call vote was requested.

Statements were made by the representative of Canada, as well as by the observers for Malaysia, Portugal and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Before the vote, statements in explanation of the vote were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Japan, India and China.

The Council then adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 27 to 10, with 11 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Cuba and Venezuela.

Statements were then made by the representative of Indonesia and the observer for Portugal.

Election of one member to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme [3]

The President informed the Council that the FAO Conference had agreed to the revisions of the general regulations of the World Food Programme.

The Council then elected Hungary, by acclamation, to serve on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a term beginning on 1 January 2000 and expiring on 31 December 2002.

Participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the World Summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session [4]

Document E/1999/L.60

H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mongoaela (Lesotho), Vice-President, reported on the results of the informal consultations conducted by him.

The Council then adopted the draft decision.

Letter dated 19 October 1999 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Council (E/1999/121) [5]

The Council decided to consider this issue at its next meeting.

Organizational matters

The President made a statement in the course of which he informed the Council that its final meeting of 1999 would be held on Thursday, 9 December, at 10.30 a.m. The agenda would include, *inter alia*, a discussion with the Committee of 24 on issues relating to United Nations assistance to dependent territories; the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the ACC; international cooperation in tax matters; programme of work for the Committee for Development Policy; advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a special rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1999

401st meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Azerbaijan (CAT/C/37/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

402nd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the third periodic report of Finland and continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Peru.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 399th meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification. Slovenia (15 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1999/1162)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	54th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	55th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]: marking of the end of the United Nations Decade of International Law:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/362 and Add.1)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/381)

(c) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/609)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information [91] (A/54/21 and Add.1, A/54/415)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.24 and L.31 *(item 12)*, A/C.2/54/L.26 and L.30 *(item 102)*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/286, A/54/414, A/54/469)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [109]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.4 (and the amendments thereto contained in A/C.3/54L.88), A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1 and L.22/Rev.1*

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.57

5. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.71/Rev.1, L.79, L.83, L.84 and L.85

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.82 and L.87 and draft proposal A/C.3/54/L.92

6. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.62, L.64, L.65, L.66, L.68 and L.69

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.58

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1 Vol. I and II, A/54/7 and A/54/16 (Foreword and Introduction; Part I: Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination,

Section 2. General Assembly Affairs and conference services (A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19 and A/53/833); Part II: Political affairs, Section 3. Political affairs, Section 4. Disarmament, Section 5. Peacekeeping operations, Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space; Part III: International justice and law, Section 7. International Court of Justice, Section 8. Legal affairs (A/53/643))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning measures to eliminate international terrorism *(item 160)*

* Following the adjournment of the 55th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Personnel practices and policies
2. Gratis personnel provided by governments and other entities
3. Executive session on International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 17 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c)

The delegation of Belarus, on behalf of the co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on draft resolution A/54/L.22 on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, to be held *today*, 17 November 1999, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 (globalization and interdependence) (item 104) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

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NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(open-ended informal consultations on the right to development)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 97 (c) (Trade and development): unilateral economic measures as a means of economic coercion against developing countries)

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.15 p.m.-7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Special meeting

In connection with the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, there will be a special meeting, organized by the NGO Committee on Human Rights, *today*, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Percival M. Mofokeng, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, and Ms. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a multisectoral panel discussion on "Malaria and the Proposed Global Treaty Banning DDT", co-sponsored by the NGO Health Committee, the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the Global Alliance for Women's Health, *today*, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Dr. David Nabarro, Program Manager, Rollback Malaria Initiative of the WHO, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	56th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/311, A/54/355)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.24, A/54/L.27)
2. University for Peace [21]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/312)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.30)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the year 2000 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will meet on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

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The Committee on Conferences will hold its 425th meeting on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001, in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11)*.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).

* To be issued.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Quadripartite Coordination Committee on International Cooperation on Chernobyl *(at the ministerial level)* on Thursday, 18 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

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Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 22nd meeting

Questions relating to information [91]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/415.

The representative of Indonesia, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/54/21 and Add.1).

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group), Egypt, Oman, Ghana, Singapore, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United Arab Emirates, Jamaica (on behalf of the 14 Members of CARICOM which are members of the United Nations), Croatia and Cuba.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

THIRD COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Belarus, Azerbaijan, Algeria, Venezuela, Lithuania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, India, Iceland, Georgia, Uganda, Kazakhstan, Ghana and Angola, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

48th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the following countries, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kittts and Nevis, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Subsequently, Ghana, Haiti, Hungary, the Netherlands, Thailand and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Poland made a statement in which he withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana and Italy.

Introduction of amendments in document A/C.3/54/L.88 to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.4*

The representative of the United States introduced and orally corrected the amendment to the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions:

A/C.3/54/L.67

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.70

The representative of Turkey, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cuba, Malaysia and the Philippines, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.72

The representative of Japan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Denmark, Greece, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.73

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.74

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Malaysia, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.75

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda and Bolivia, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.77

The representative of India, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Romania, Spain and Turkey, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.78

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Japan, Portugal, Thailand and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

A/C.3/54/L.60

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Kuwait, New Zealand and Slovenia, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.63

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.76

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Germany, New Zealand, Norway and the United Kingdom, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.80

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, El Salvador, Japan, Norway, Peru, Spain and Uruguay, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.81

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Estonia, Monaco, Hungary, Latvia, Poland and Slovenia, introduced the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of Guyana announced that Afghanistan, Austria, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Sweden and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 114.

Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/54/L.90

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.3/54/L.90, containing programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out a revision that was made to the draft resolution when it was introduced.

The representative of Cuba announced that Bolivia and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Madagascar and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the associated countries, Malta and Iceland).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 103 to 16, with 32 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 115.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Ireland announced that Brazil, Georgia, the Philippines and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia and Madagascar joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Brazil, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania, Liberia, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Guinea and the Republic of Korea.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Gruca Group – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Panama), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Sudan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Angola, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Canada, Poland, Slovenia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liechtenstein, Ghana and France.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

The Committee resumed consideration of item 159.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.11

The Coordinator introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.11.

Statements were made by the Representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Russian Federation in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.11 (as orally revised) without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 159.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 1999

403rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Kyrgyz Republic (CAT/C/42/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

404th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the third periodic report of Peru and continued its consideration of the initial report of Azerbaijan.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 401st meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1999

28th and 29th meetings

The twenty-first session of the Committee was declared open by the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Hamid Gaham, Chief of Support Services Branch.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda (E/C.12/1999/6), as amended.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee discussed and adopted its programme of work (E/C.12/1999/L.2/Rev.1), as amended in the course of the discussion.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee held hearings of non-governmental organizations.

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 1999

30th and 31st meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Bulgaria (E/1994/104/Add.16). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Ratification: Colombia (10 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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New United Nations stamps

On Thursday, 18 November 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Education - Keystone to the 21st Century". The denominations of the new stamps will be 33 cents, 60 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 7 and S 13.

The new stamps, first-day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 November, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new issue are available in circular ST/IC/1999/93.

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Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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